

# Hamsplatter

May 1999

Volume 28 Issue 5

## Officers

**President:**  
Bill Stockslager  
N9WS 471-5492

**Vice President:**  
Wayne Bergamino  
KB9OZH 482-1967

**Secretary:**  
Al Burke  
WB9SSE 637-1989

**Treasurer:**  
Bob Streeter  
W8ST 672-9737

**Communications Manager:**  
Steve Nardin  
WB9ZIY 483-4039

**Board of Directors**  
Carole Burke  
WB9RUS 637-1989

Carl Rittenhouse  
N9NRO 485-4012

Clint Stedge  
KB9LOF 485-4067

Jim Machamer  
KB9DOS 485-8559

**HAMSPLATTER** is published monthly by the Fort Wayne Radio Club, PO Box 15127 Fort Wayne, IN 46885 <http://home1.gte.net/n9iww2/fwrci/>.

**HAMSPLATTER** is produced on a Macintosh 8500 using Adobe PageMaker.

**Editor:**  
Vic Guess  
WB9UZA 485-7472  
WB9UZA at aol.com

## President's Corner



A very interesting and thought provoking presentation was made by Larry Temenoff (KB9OS) on the subject of Y2K and how to prepare for potential problems, most of which would be created by the panic of people over perceived situations. Larry pointed out that much of the preparation one should do is that which one should have already done for emergency preparedness. Things like having 3 to 4 weeks of food on the shelf, camping stoves and the like can go a long way to offset most situations created by the knee jerk panic by the general public.

The bus trip to Dayton is definitely off for this year. Less than 20 people committed to going on the bus to Dayton. This was less than half that required to pay for the bus alone. If interest is expressed next year, we will try again. This year will result in no loss of funds to the club.

Field day this year will be on June 26 and 27 at the Girl Scout camp at Camp McMillen. Couple this with a traditional hog roast, and we have a winning combination for this year's field day. See the simplified map insert [pg.6] for the location. A more detailed map will be in the next Hamsplatter. Plan on attending this fun filled event.

Next Regular Meeting will be the Spring Banquet on Friday, May 21, 1999 at 6:30 PM. The program following the meeting will be made by Dave Macy and his wife.

See you there!

73s

Bill Stockslager (N9WS)

## What's Inside

March Minutes	Pg. 2
Silent Keys	Pg. 2
E-mail Delivery of Hamsplatter	pg. 3
Hams Respond to Tornado Damage	pg. 3
Tennessee Twisters!	pg. 4
1999 Field Day Brings Rule Change	Pg. 5
FCC Drops Amateur Enforcement Phone Line	pg. 5
Map to FWRC 1999 Field Day Site	Pg. 6
May Indiana VE Exams	Pg. 7
Severe Weather Notes by Joel, KB9RH	Pg. 7
Indiana Amateur Of The Year	Pg. 7
Hoosier Courtesy Award	Pg. 8
For Sale	Pg. 8
VE6AT Beacon On Air from Nunavut	Pg. 8
Upcomming Regional Hamfests	Pg. 8

## Spring Banquet



The Fort Wayne Radio Club's annual spring banquet will be held Friday, May 21, 1999, 6:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. The guest speaker will be Fort Wayne's Morning Mouth, Dave Macy from WOWO radio. The cost is \$5.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. The menu is fried chicken, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and rolls. Please bring a covered dish to share, either a side dish or a dessert. The club is providing lemonade, coffee,

plates and utensils. Please call Carole, 637-1989 or Becky 471-5492 before May 12 for a reservation. Reservations must be paid in advance. There will be no calling committee. Hope to see you there, it should be a fun evening with a lot of good food.

Carole

**Next Club Meeting - Friday,  
May 21, 1999, 6:30 PM  
Good Shepherd United  
Methodist Church, corner of  
Vance Ave. & Reed Rd.**

**Program: Spring Banquet**

## April Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club occurred on 16 April, 1999. It was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and was hosted by President Bill Stockslager. There were about 20 attendees.

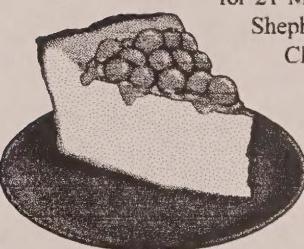


The March minutes were read and there was one addition to the Foxhunt report in that Cliff Shreve, N9MKB was a member of K9OMA's rabid wolfpack.

Treasurer Bob Streeter reported on Club finances as follows. Our net cash flow year-to-date is positive in the amount of \$720.72. Total Club assets are estimated at \$11,835.23 including the estimated value of Club property, and of this our liquid assets are \$7,417.54.

Carl Rittenhouse reported that April foxes KB9DOT, DOS and LOF tried hiding in a park out in New Haven, but to no avail. They were tracked down first by N9LOV and Carl followed by KB9DOP and his better half. Carl also announced that the Summer schedule would commence with the next Foxhunt ON 3 May starting at 6:30 p.m. originating from Shoaff Park.

Carole Burke noted that the Spring Banquet is scheduled for 21 May starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. The Club will provide chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinnerware and drinks. Attendees are requested to bring in a covered dish or dessert and a good appetite. The cost is set at \$5.50 per person, children 10 and under \$3.00. As there will be NO CALLING CAMPAIGN this year, attendees are requested to contact Carole Burke or Becky Stockslager by 13 May with your reservation and payment.



Bill Stockslager announced that unfortunately the Dayton Hamfest Bus had to be canceled as a result of too few sign-ups. A total of twenty reservations were received by the cutoff date (April 15th). The Club required forty reservations to break even on the venture, so it had to be canceled this year. Bill stated that we would try again next year.

Bill noted that the Code and Theory classes are scheduled to start 22 April at Ivy Tech, Room 2360. The classes are planned to occur each Thursday for ten sessions. They will start at 6:30 p.m. and run until 8:30 p.m. The course

will consist of basic electricity and radio theory. It will NOT include a study of FCC Questions and Answers as the student can study this himself (or herself). There will be a VE test planned to occur on 15 July with a follow-up test to occur on 7 August. While there is no charge for the course, the student will need to purchase a \$10.00 textbook that the Club has acquired and will have available for students. The Club is providing the textbook at cost.

Bill also noted that a House Bill intended to help protect Amateur frequency allocations from the hoards of spectrum grabbers that are going after them needs your support. The proposed Bill is House Bill H.R. 783 and it needs a cosponsor. Contact Mark Souder by mail, telephone or e-mail and request that he get behind it. Details of this Bill may be found in the "Washington" column of the April QST.

Bob Streeter conducted the 50/50 Raffle. The pot of \$14.00 was split between the Club and winner Bill Ronk, KA9FQV.

Following the formal meeting, Larry Temenhoff, KB9OS provided an extremely informative briefing on the implications of Y2K, especially as it might impact Hams.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

AL BURKE, WB9SSE

## Silent Keys

### Mary E. Goller, KA9QMK

My mother, Mary E. Goller, passed away 3/31/99. Her ham call was KA9QMK (novice). Her license expired last October and due to her failing health – Alzheimers + heart problems. I didn't renew it for her. She had been a member of Ft. Wayne, Radio club for several years.

John Goller, K9UWA & Jean Goller, N9PXF

### George H. Sweigert, N9LC

from *The ARRL Letter*

Cordless phone inventor, N9LC, SK: George H. Sweigert, N9LC, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died February 23. He was 79. First licensed as W8ZIS, Sweigert was a World War II veteran. Sweigert received a patent for the invention of the cordless telephone in 1969. He was employed at Magnavox Electronics, ITT Technical Institute and the Indiana Vocational Technical College. He was also active in Air Force MARS. His wife, Katherine "Kay" Sweigert, two daughters, and four sons are among his survivors.—Kay Sweigert

## E-mail Delivery of Hamsplatter

In order to reduce mailing costs, Fort Wayne Radio Club is making a renewed effort to promote delivery of Hamsplatter via e-mail. We have been doing this on a trial basis for several months and now we wish to expand the program. The main benefit to the club is reduced postage cost and the main benefit to members is earlier delivery. And oh yes, it will have some color clip art from time to time. Please note that another option is to download a copy from our club web site. Some of you may prefer this method since there is no large file sitting in your e-mail queue.

In order to receive Hamsplatter via e-mail you will need an e-mail service that permits enclosures and a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader. Acrobat Reader is a free download from the Adobe web site: <<http://www.adobe.com/>>. (You probably already have a copy.) It is also available on the FWRC web site: <<http://home1.gte.net/n9iww2/fwrc/>>.

A test e-mail message was sent out to those of you who we have e-mail addresses for. So far we have 26 members signed up for e-mail delivery and one for web delivery. I know that there are other members who have e-mail addresses but they are not in our membership roster. If you would like to receive Hamsplatter via e-mail please send an e-mail message selecting one of the following three options to WB9UZA@aol.com:

1. I wish to receive (or continue to receive) Hamsplatter via e-mail.
2. I wish to continue to receive a mailed copy.
3. I wish to just download Hamsplatter from the club web site. (no e-mail copy needed)

When the test message was sent out to those of you who we have e-mail addresses for, a number of them "bounced" indicating a bad address. If you have an e-mail address that can receive personal mail, please send it to the club secretary, Al Burke: <mailto: "Al Burke" 71621.3335@compuserve.com>. Also please inform the secretary whenever your e-mail address changes.

Printing costs for Hamsplatter are about \$0.26/copy and postage is \$0.33 for a total of \$0.59/copy. The 27 members who signed up for either e-mail or web delivery will save the club  $\$0.59 \times 12 \times 27 = \$191.16/\text{yr}$ .

Vic Guess, WB9UZA  
Hamsplatter Editor

## Hams Respond to Tornado Damage

from *The ARRL Letter*

OKLAHOMA, KANSAS TORNADOES: HAM RADIO IS THERE—BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER

Hams in Oklahoma and Kansas were ready and waiting in the hours before severe tornadoes devastated entire communities south of Oklahoma City and in the Wichita, Kansas, area. The storm system developed in southwestern Oklahoma and moved to the northeast, spawning numerous tornadoes. The storms have left at least 46 people dead, hundreds injured, and thousands homeless.

**...at least 46 people dead, hundreds injured, and thousands homeless.**

Peter Laws, N5UWY, at the National Severe Storms Lab in Norman, Oklahoma, reports that the National Weather Service office there was in contact—mostly via 2 meters—with various weather-spotting nets to the south and west of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. "SKYWARN is a regular, everyday occurrence here, and hams are a vital part of the warning process," Laws said.

The storms wiped out thousands of houses. Meteorologists said the worst tornadoes appeared to be F5 storms packing winds of 260 mph.

Oklahoma Public Information Coordinator Thomas Webb, WA9AFM, reports he's monitored health-and-welfare traffic on both 2 meters and 75 meters coordinating Salvation Army canteen support. "Based on the excellent warning, most of the victims appear to have left the disaster area prior to the strike and were in contact with friends or family or were in shelters with adequate communications," he said. Oklahoma Section Emergency Coordinator Bennett Basore, WSZTN, has been running emergency nets and radio amateurs have been handling "tons of health and welfare traffic."

**"SKYWARN is a regular, everyday occurrence here, and hams are a vital part of the warning process."**

The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) has established an Amateur Radio link with Oklahoma City. SATERN is accepting requests via the Internet for information about the health and welfare of loved ones in the Oklahoma City area. Visit <http://www.angelfire.com/il/satern411/emailfrm.html> for more information. (A "Family Finder" site also is being operated by Unibuilt Technology at <http://www.unibuilt.com/okcsupport/>.)

**Continued on page 4**

## **Tornado Damage: Continued from page 3**

On May 6, both the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross put out calls for additional Amateur Radio assistance. Oklahoma Section Manager Charlie Calhoun, K5TTT, reports the Salvation Army requested additional amateur operators starting May 7 and probably for the rest of the week. "They need hams to act as shadows and transport units in addition to manning the canteens," he said.

**The Red Cross has requested at least 50 hams to begin damage assessment May 7.**

No vehicles were being allowed in the field, and officials were shuttling hams in and out. Calhoun said it appeared that Amateur Radio communication would be required at least through May 8. Hams from the Tulsa area were planning to head for the Oklahoma City area to assist. The Red Cross has requested at least 50 hams to begin damage assessment May 7.

Amateurs in the affected communities used operating VHF and UHF repeaters plus HF to coordinate health-and-welfare traffic inquiries, mobile canteens, shelters, and other emergency response activities. At Calhoun's request, the FCC on May 4 declared a communications emergency in the Oklahoma area. The FCC declared 3900 kHz and 7285 kHz (plus or minus 3 kHz) off limits until 5 PM Central Time on May 7.

Jim Leist, KB5W, who chairs the Central Area Staff of the National Traffic System, said the storms hit telephone services hard, and officials were asking that cellular telephone usage be restricted to emergency services personnel. "Amateur radio resources in the area are heavily involved with support to those agencies," Leist said. "On-site support is the first priority for hams in the affected areas."

Leist said the only real backlog was in the area of health-and-welfare requests coming from outside. He said it's likely that health-and-welfare traffic will remain backed up for several days, due to a lack of outlets to handle the messages on the receiving end. "Anyone accepting H&W messages should inform the senders of this unavoidable delay and the reasons for it," he said.

For more Oklahoma tornado information and photos, visit [http://www.hamsnet.net/kc5trr/oklahoma\\_disaster.htm](http://www.hamsnet.net/kc5trr/oklahoma_disaster.htm)

In the Wichita, Kansas, area, ARES District 5 EC Bob Harder, W0BH, reports his ARES group was called up by the Red Cross shortly after the storm. "ARES members and other area hams worked all night and all next day providing communication for the Red Cross headquarters and later between three shelters set up in the south

Wichita area," he said. Harder cited Red Cross Coordinator, John Sullivan, KG0MZ, and Assistant Red Cross Coordinator, Greg Mitchell, N0WHC, for helping to make operations run smoothly.

The Salvation Army has established a shelter in an elementary school in the Wichita area, and four mobile canteens are serving food and beverages for residents and emergency workers.

Kansas Section Manager Orlan Cook, W0OYH, in Shawnee, reported that Kansas nets were operating on their normal schedules.

## **Tennessee Twisters!**

from *The ARRL Letter*

With January's unusual tornadoes still fresh in their minds, Amateur Radio operators in Tennessee were ready to respond promptly when severe weather hit the Volunteer State May 5. At least four people died and several dozen were injured as a result of the storms. High winds blew down trees and power lines, tore roofs from buildings, and left rubble strewn about. Power was expected to be restored by May 7. Schools in metropolitan Nashville were closed May 6 because of the power outages.

A SKYWARN net was activated to provide weather information to the National Weather Service office in Nashville. Funnel clouds were reported in eight Tennessee counties as two waves of storm activity traversed Middle Tennessee. Amateur Radio reports indicate a tornado may have touched down in Gallatin, damaging an apartment complex and an office building; another reportedly touched down in Stewart County.

The Nashville International Airport was closed for a time as the storms passed through. Some 100 aircraft were reported to have been damaged.

Hams in unaffected counties activated emergency nets just in case. Hams in Montgomery County were asked to have mobile units ready to go to specific areas to check on flooding. In addition, the Red Cross asked hams there to stand by to assist. One operator was deployed to the local emergency operations center and another to the Red Cross. Hank Koehler, N3ORX, in Montgomery County reports that 49 hams in all participated in the storm response to assist emergency management and the Red Cross.

## 1999 Field Day Brings Rule Change, New Pin

from *The ARRL Letter*

Participants in ARRL Field Day—the most popular annual operating event in the US and Canada—will encounter one significant change in rules for this year's event, June 26-27. Those using batteries to power their equipment now will be able to charge them while in use. The change affects all entry classes except Class D (home stations using commercial power; home stations using emergency power, including rechargeable batteries, should enter in Class E). In the past, only Class C (mobile) stations could charge batteries while in use. As previously, batteries must be charged from a power source independent of the commercial mains.

For the first time, the ARRL is making available annual Field Day pins to show your participation in the 1999 event. You don't have to make a minimum number of contacts or achieve a particular score level. You just have to participate!

Pins are \$5 each. Field Day groups are advised to collect the money for the pins and send a single order stating the number of pins needed to ARRL Contest Branch, ATTN: Field Day Pins, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. The League will ship the pins back to the club for distribution.

The first "International Field Day" was held June 10-11, 1933, billed as "just a test of portable equipment" for US and Canadian amateurs, according to former ARRL Communications Manager George Hart, W1NJM. Hart says then-Communications Manager Ed Handy, W1BDI, came up with the idea of Field Day, which now is in its 66th year. It was not until the second annual Field Day, in 1934, that Handy's Field Day writeup in QST raised the aspect of emergency preparedness.

Entries for Field Day 1999 must be postmarked by July 27, 1999. No late entries can be accepted. Participants should read the General Rules for ALL ARRL Contests (see <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/99/rules-all.html>), which include submission guidelines. All Field Day should include a Summary Sheet and Dupe Sheet as well as supporting information for publicity, bonus point, and other information the rules require.

Field Day groups and participants are invited to submit their entries electronically via e-mail. As the rules state, the subject line should include the call sign used, the contest name and entry class. Send electronic entries to [FieldDay@arrl.org](mailto:FieldDay@arrl.org). Paper entries go to Field Day Entries, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

For the complete 1999 Field Day rules, visit <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/99/rules-fd.html> or see the May 1999 issue of QST.

## New VHF Category Added

from *The ARRL Letter*

The ARRL Awards Committee has voted to accept a Contest Advisory Committee recommendation for the addition of a Single Operator Low Power entry category for VHF contests, beginning with the January 2000 VHF Sweepstakes. The maximum power limits for the new Single Operator Low Power category will be: 50 MHz and 144 MHz, 200

**Those using batteries to power their equipment now will be able to charge them while in use.**

W PEP maximum; 222 MHz and 432 MHz, 100 W PEP maximum; 902 MHz and above, 10 W PEP maximum. To qualify under the new category, a station must operate within the maximum power limitations on each band in which they participate. Certificates and awards will be developed for the new category according to the current awards structure. This rule will not affect the current Single Op QRP Portable category. The goal of the new category is to encourage greater participation among the large number of VHF/UHF contest enthusiasts, many of whom can be competitive at lower power levels. For more information, contact ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, [n1nd@arrl.org](mailto:n1nd@arrl.org).

## FCC Drops Amateur Enforcement Line In Favor Of E-mail, US Mail

from *The ARRL Letter*

The FCC says it now wants Amateur Radio enforcement complaints via e-mail or US mail and has discontinued its Amateur Enforcement Line (202-418-1184). The FCC this week requested that amateur-related complaints be sent via e-mail to [fccham@fcc.gov](mailto:fccham@fcc.gov) or via the US Postal Service to Compliance & Information Bureau, ATTN Amateur Radio Complaints, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

The FCC instituted the telephone service last fall when it beefed up amateur enforcement under the direction of Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH. However, the FCC never intended to maintain the telephone service permanently.

The FCC said this week that complaints already filed on the telephone service will be acted upon, and anyone who has left a message will receive a return call from Commission staff.

**May Indiana VE Exams**

From: Don Evilsizer,  
don39@whitleynet.org

15-May-1999  
Sponsor: MID STATE ARC  
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: DAVID A WENDT  
(317)974-1488  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: JOHNSON COUNTY  
EMERGENCY OPS  
CENTER IN BASEMENT  
1100 HOSPITAL RD  
FRANKLIN, IN 46131

16-May-1999  
Sponsor: W5YI-VEC  
Time: Call for time and walk-in info  
Contact: WILLARD M PURANEN  
(317)453-6542  
VEC: W5YI VEC  
Location:  
CALL FOR SITE LOCATION & TIME  
KOKOMO, IN 46902

21-May-1999  
Sponsor: LAKE COUNTY ARC  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: CHARLES SUFANA  
(219)923-8308  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: IMMANUEL UNITED  
CHURCH OF  
CHRIST  
2201 AZALEA DR  
HIGHLAND, IN 46322

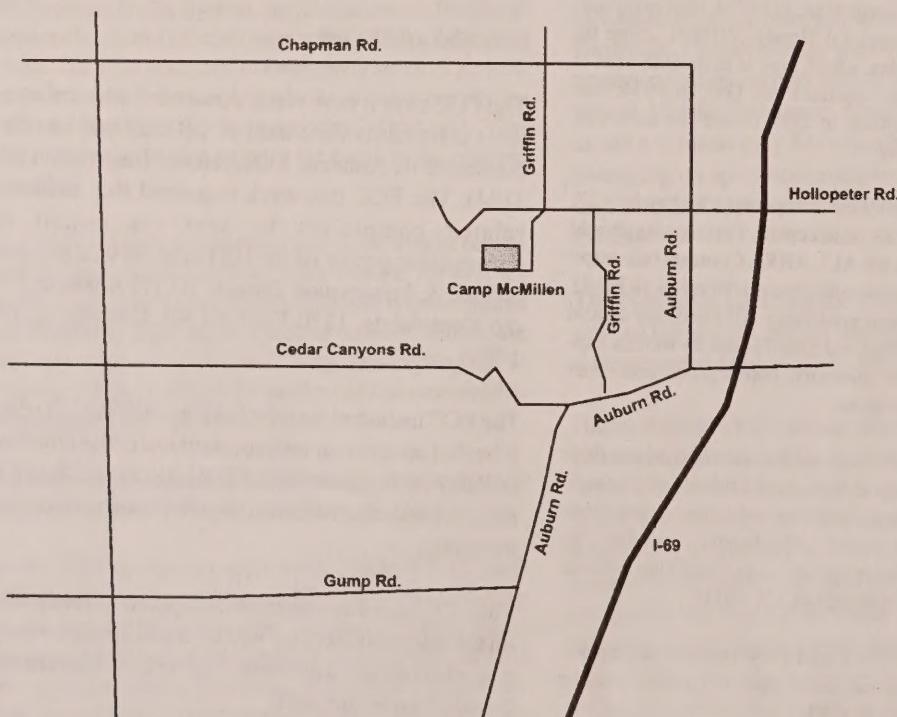
21-May-1999  
Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
Time: 6:30 PM (No walk-ins)  
Contact: TERRY L MILLER  
(765)457-2449  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: YWCA  
406 E SYCAMORE ST  
APPOINTMENTS ONLY  
KOKOMO, IN 46901

22-May-1999  
Sponsor: ANDERSON RC & MADISON CNTY ARC  
Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: EVERETT G RILEY  
(765)754-7167  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: MADISON COUNTY  
EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT AGENCY HEAD-  
QUARTERS  
727 W 600 N  
OLD SCHOOL BLDG  
ANDERSON/ALEXANDRIA, IN  
46001

22-May-1999  
Sponsor: W5YI-VEC — WHITLEY  
COUNTY ARC  
Time: Call for time and walk-in info  
Contact: HENRY R MACKEY  
(219)244-7735  
VEC: W5YI VEC  
Location: WHITLEY COUNTY JAIL  
BLDG  
CALL FOR SITE LOCATION & TIME  
COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

22-May-1999  
Sponsor: TRI STATE ARS  
Time: 09:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: TERRY L BROOKS  
(812)421-9135  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location:  
AMERICAN RED CROSS  
111 E DIAMOND AVE  
EVANSVILLE, IN 47711

**Map to FWRC 1999 Field Day Site - Camp McMillen**

## Severe Weather Notes

by Joel, KB9RH

The severe weather season is here once again. Please note that one element of the reporting criteria has been changed. The Weather Service now wants any and all hail reported. This is a very recent change and was not in the severe weather article that appeared in the March newsletter.

Saturday April 10 turned out to be the first big severe weather event of the season...even though the temperature was in the upper 40's and dew points in the 30's. A line of thunderstorms which formed just west of Chicago in the late afternoon moved rapidly across the state and reached northeastern Indiana in mid-evening.

Most of the severe weather that night was in the form of large hail. Spotter reports indicated some hailstones were as large as 1 3/4" in diameter, and other reports were of smaller size hail completely covering the ground (mainly to the north and northeast of the city of Fort Wayne). The hail was the result of very cool temperatures and a low freezing level. In fact, large hail was reported from eastern Iowa...through Illinois...Indiana...Ohio and as far south as Tennessee and Arkansas.

The only significant damage reports that evening came out of southern Noble County. Several buildings near Wolf Lake were reported as damaged or destroyed by what was determined as straight-line winds. Scattered power outages were also reported in Noble and Dekalb counties.

Thursday April 22 saw the return of severe weather to our area, but these storms were a much milder version. Most of the reports that evening again centered around hail, but this time it was of the pea-to-dime size variety.

Please note that in both cases there was no severe weather watch in effect at the time. In fact, on April 10 the mid-day convective outlook took us from "slight" risk of severe thunderstorms to no risk at all. Meteorology is not an exact science.

While on the subject of watches, Mr. Robert Johns of the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma was the featured speaker at last month's meeting of the local chapter of the American Meteorological Society. He is one of the people that issues the Severe Thunderstorm/Tornado Watches, and is considered to be one of the leading experts in downbursts. As we all know this area has the highest frequency of downbursts in the entire country. It turns out that downbursts were documented by weather observers as early as the mid-1700's, but since the knowledge was not widely available, it gradually became lost until downbursts were "rediscovered" in the mid-1970's by the late Dr. Fujita.

He also spoke of the "watch philosophy" at the Storm Pre-

diction Center. Whenever the meteorologists are considering issuing a Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Watch, they look for/expect one or more of the following: organized storms, supercells with embedded mesocyclones, bow echoes, strong multi-cells, and strong vertical shear.

While at the AMS meeting I spoke with weather service people from North Webster, and they are pleased with the job we are doing so far. Thanks to all for your efforts!

from Joel KB9RH

## Indiana Amateur Of The Year

INARRL BULLETIN 26-99

April 12, 1999

To: All Indiana Amateur Radio Clubs

The Indiana Radio Club Council is an organization whose members are the individual amateur radio clubs of Indiana. It exists for the purpose of enhancing the Amateur Radio Service in Indiana. The IRCC meets twice a year in the spring and fall, and unofficially at the Indianapolis Hamfest in July, and the Fort Wayne Hamfest in November.

One of the Council's major functions is to solicit letters of recommendation from all amateur radio clubs, and individuals, to honor an outstanding amateur radio operator in Indiana. Each year, the Council selects the most outstanding amateur radio operator from the letters of nomination which are received. Only one is chosen each year. In past years, many individuals have been nominated, and often the choice of Amateur of the Year has been a very difficult decision. If your club has an outstanding member, or a member who has received your club's Amateur of the Year award, why not send a letter of nomination to the Indiana Radio Club Council.

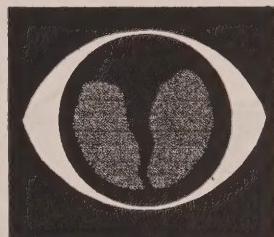
Previous recipients of the IRCC Amateur of the Year are not eligible. Previous nominees, who have not received this award, may be renominated. Time is short, so please submit your letter of nomination with a description of the individual's qualifications as to why he/she should receive this most prestigious award for his/her activities.

Nominations may be sent to the Indiana Section Manager, Peggy Coulter W9JUJ, or mail them to:

Sandra K. Parker, KA9RNY, IRCC Chairman P.O. Box 181  
Auburn, IN 46706-0181

The deadline for nominations is June 1, 1999. The IRCC Amateur of the Year award will be presented at the Indianapolis Hamfest/Central Division Convention on July 10, 1999.

73, Louise Sellers KA9ZEE Secretary, IRCC



**SKYWARN**



## For Sale

- Icom IC-Q7A 2/440 H.T. with speaker/mike cable \$175.00

Gary L. Sturm, N9LJB, (219) 485-6073, [rriadioman@mail.fwi.com](mailto:rriadioman@mail.fwi.com)

- 425 MB Western Digital Caviar 2420 Hard Drive \$45.00

- 2-16MB 72 pin Gold plated SIMS with parity \$45.00 or \$25.00 ea.
- 8-1MB 30 pin Sims with parity \$18.00 or \$2.50 ea.
- 486DX33 microprocessor \$5.00

- 486DX66 Computer, Midi-tower, 32MB memory, CD rom, sound card, keyboard, mouse, 425 Mb hard drive, 3 1/2 & 5 1/4 floppy drives, Western Digital video, 14.4 kb modem, 14 inch monitor, Dos, Windows 3.1 \$300.00 or \$350.00 with TV tuner & video capture card, or \$450.00 with 2-1.6GB hard drives or \$500.00 with 28.8 kb modem & windows 95

- Epson Action Laser II printer with 2.5MB of memory - Needs toner cartridge repaired or new toner cartridge \$75.00
- U.S. Robotics 28.8 Fax/Modem with personal voice mail \$45.00

## Hoosier Courtesy Award

### INARRL BULLETIN 27-99

Subject: Annual nominations for the Hoosier Courtesy Award

It is that time of year for you to be thinking of Indiana Amateur Radio operators who deserve recognition for their exemplary on-the-air conduct, especially during difficult operating conditions. If you know of a deserving individual who needs to be recognized, please let the Section Manager, Peggy Coulter W9JUJ know, or send a note to:

Sandra K. Parker  
KA9RNY Chairman, IRCC P.O.  
Box 181  
Auburn, IN 46706-0181

Please remember that the individual to be honored with this award must be nominated by two amateurs who have previously received the "Hoosier Courtesy Award".

Louise Sellers, KA9ZEE, Secretary, IRCC

• Commodore 128 Computer, 1571 disk drive, 1902 monitor, MPS1000 printer also works with IBM computers, word processor, spreadsheet, database, and tons of games and manuals \$200.00

• Kenwood CS5135 40Mhz 2-channel (4 trace) delayed sweep Oscilloscope & 2-probes \$450.00 Hardly ever used.

K9BLI Bob Marschand 482-2116 [rhmars@prodigy.net](mailto:rhmars@prodigy.net)

**NOTE:** For Sale & Wanted items will be listed for 2 months only unless the ad is resubmitted. If you sell an item the first month, please contact the editor so the item can be removed. Thank you.

## VE8AT Beacon On Air from Nunavut

Thomas Atkins, VE3CDM, reports the VE8AT HF beacon now is operational from Nunavut (79.59.5 N; 85.54.0 W) on Nansen Sound, Ellesmere Island, some 300 mile SSW of Alert, the northernmost base in the world. Given the beacon's remote location, there are no immediate plans to change the call sign to reflect the new VY0 prefix for Nunavut. The beacon operates on the usual NCDXF frequencies: 14.100; 18.110; 21.150; 24.930; and 28.200. See <http://www.ncdx.org/beacon.htm>

## Upcomming Regional Hamfests

June 6 .....	Princeton, IL
June 13 .....	Wheaton, IL
June 19 .....	Midland, MI
June 20 .....	Crown Point, IN
June 20 .....	Monroe, MI
June 20 .....	Macedonia, OH
July 10 .....	Indianapolis, IN
July 11 .....	Peotone, IL
July 18 .....	Van Wert, OH
July 24 .....	Cincinnati, OH
July 25 .....	Franksville, WI
July 31 .....	Bowling Green, KY
August 1 .....	Randolph, OH
August 7 .....	Quincy, IL
August 7 .....	Columbus, OH
August 8 .....	Peotone, IL
August 15 .....	Jackson, MI
August 22 .....	Lexington, KY
September 11 .....	Spencer, IN
September 11-12 .....	Louisville, KY
September 12 .....	Findlay, OH
September 18 .....	Rolling Meadows, IL
September 18-19 .....	Peoria, IL
September 19 .....	Adrian, MI
September 19 .....	Cincinnati, OH
September 25-26 .....	Grayslake, IL
September 26 .....	Cleveland, OH

Membership Data: (Give this form to the treasurer at any FWRC meeting or mail to the address below)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class:  N  T  G  A  AE

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK** - Provided at no cost to club members, this handbook provides a full set of information about present and past club activities, events, and functions. The handbook is available in a clear cover binder, and is upgradeable by easy insertion of new pages into the binder.

The FWRC is moving toward electronic information distribution. Are you interested in receiving information from the club by E-MAIL?  Y  N

Shall we list your address and phone number in the membership roster  Y  N?

Are you presently an ARRL member  Y  N?

Membership Term:  (Jan - Dec)  (Jul - Dec)

Family Membership:  \$21.00/yr  \$10.50/yr immediate family (list all callsigns)

Regular Membership:  \$15.00/yr  \$7.50/yr licensed member

Student Membership:  \$6.00/yr  \$3.00/yr full time student

Associate Membership:  \$15.00/yr  \$7.50/yr unlicensed member

Your Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ please pay by check. It's easier for both of us.

**Mail to:** The Fort Wayne Radio Club  
PO Box 15127  
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

### Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

**IMO:** meets nightly at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM) on 146.88

**Auburn:** meets Mon, Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 2300 UTC (6 PM) on 147.015+

**21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 0200 UTC (9 PM) on 147.150

**Fort Wayne 6M net:** meets nightly at 0000 UTC (7 PM) on 50.58 AM

### Miscellaneous Nets

**Huntington ARES:** Sat/Tues at 0100 UTC (8 PM) on 146.685

**Portside:** 3rd Wednesday at 0030 UTC (7:30 PM) on 444.300

**Whitley Co. / ARES:** Wednesdays at 0015 UTC (7:15 PM) on 145.270 - (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 0045 UTC (7:45 PM) on 444.550+. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

**Sloppy Code Net:** Sundays at 0200 UTC (9 PM) on 40M (7.1405 MHz). This CW net's purpose is to build confidence and help increase code speed. The speed is generally 1-10 WPM. If you want to copy only contact Henry, KA9ZNN at 749-8968 for details.

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice: 146.76/16  
146.94/34  
444.875/449.875  
ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out

Please send any articles, corrections, for sale notices, etc. to the editor, Victor Guess, WB9UZA, via e-mail WB9UZA@aol.com. Please put "for Hamsplatter" in the Subject line. Text should be plain ASCII, graphics should be JPEG or GIF. For those computer impaired: snail mail to 3311 Sanibel Drive, Fort Wayne, IN, 46815-4755.

**Deadline for the June issue: 6/4/99.**

Be sure to visit the Fort Wayne Radio Club on the Internet: <http://home1.gte.net/n9iww2/fwrc/>

THE FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB  
PO BOX 15127  
FORT WAYNE, IN 46885



**TO:**

Churubusco, IN 46723

46723X30VA 02

